

- Early Start Act definitions (Section 19) relevant to “**provider**” and “**family home**” terms.
  - 19.1.c "Family day care provider" means a child care provider who regularly provides early childhood education and early learning services for not more than twelve children in the provider's home in the family living quarters;
  - 19.1.e "Service provider" means the entity that operates a community facility.
  - 19.9 "Early childhood education and assistance program provider" means an organization that provides site level, direct, and high quality early childhood education and assistance program services under the direction of an early childhood education and assistance program contractor.

Suggest to use the US Department of Education, Race to the Top - Early Learning Challenge Definition - **Early Childhood Educator** means any professional working in Early Learning and Development Programs, including but not limited to center-based and family child care providers, infant and toddler specialists, early intervention specialists and early childhood special educators, home visitors, related service providers, administrators, Head Start teachers, Early Head Start teachers, preschool and other teachers, teacher assistants, family service staff, and health coordinators.

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- WA State definitions – FHCC and FFN (WAC 170-290-0003):
  - Licensed family home child care (FHCC) providers offer care for children in the provider’s home. Depending on their license, FHCC providers may care for up to 12 children through 12 years of age.
  - If a provider is caring for children not related to her, in her home, and the care is provided on a regular and ongoing basis, a provider needs an FHCC license.
  - Some caregivers do not need a license. Those include family, friends and neighbors (FFN) who provide occasional care or those who care for preschool children for fewer than four hours a day (WAC 170-296A-1025)
  - "In-home/relative provider" or "license-exempt provider," referred to in the collective bargaining agreement as "family, friends and neighbors provider" or "FFN provider," means a provider who meets the requirements in WAC 170-290-0130 (eligibility and WCCC) through 170-290-0167 (background check)